है। नवीनतम सर्वेक्षण जिसके लिए अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति जनसंख्या के अनुमान लगाए गए है, वर्ष 1987-88 (एन एस एस 43वां दौर) से संबंधित है।

(ख) वर्ष 1987-88 के लिए उपलब्ध नवीनतम सूचना का उपयोग करके यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि अनुमानित अनुसूचित जाति जनसंख्या का 49.85 मिलियन अथवा 41.47 प्रतिशत और अनुमानित अनुसूचित जनजाति जनसंख्या का 29.05 मिलियन अथवा 49.87 प्रतिशत उस वर्ष गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे रह रहे थे।

Allocation of Naptha for State owned and Private Industries in Gujarat

2896. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has sent its recommendation for allocation of naptha to state owned projects and private industries;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects and their requirement; and

(c) by when Government propose to allocate naptha and its quantity proposed to be allocated for each unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India have received proposals for allocation of 4.497 MMTPA of naphtha for 30 power projects to be set up in Private Public/joint sector in Gujarat. guidelines for allocation of liquid fuels including naptha for different proposed power projects are being prepared in consultation with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and state Governments.

Fixation of Seniority in CPWD

2897. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed for fixation of seniority in CPWD;

(b) whether it is a fact that seniority in CPWD is fixed on the basis of date of joining and not on the merit list;

(c) if so, the reasons for not following the MHA office memorandum No.9/11/ 55 RPS dated the 22nd December, 1959 in this regard;

(d) how many employees are affected as a result thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to rectify these lapses and to safeguard the interests of the affected employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The same criteria as fixed by the Department of Personnel and Training from time to time is being followed for fixation of seniority in CPWD.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Does not arise, in view of reply to (a) above.

Foreign Hostages' Crisis in Jammu and Kashmir

2898. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that the Union Home Ministry has constituted a highpower Review Committee to sort out the foreign hostages' crisis in the troubled State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details regarding its composition;

(c) how far it has succeeded in its plan; and

(d) whether co-operation of the Jammu and Kashmir Government has also been taken to end the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) Government has been reviewing and monitoring the situation pertaining to the hostage crisis in J&K on a continuous basis. However, no specific Committee, for this purpose has been established. As part of the efforts to locate the foreign hostages, the State Government has constituted a Special

Investigation Team for giving impetus to the investigation and inquiries in the case as also to try and get information regarding the whereabouts of the 4 foreign nationals who continue to remain untraced despite efforts. It has also announced a scheme of rewards to persons giving specific information regarding the whereabouts of the hostages. Regular and continuous interaction is being maintained by the Government of India with the State Government in respect of this issue.

Slippages in the Power Capacity Addition

2899. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned Capacity addition slippages to worsen power shortage reported in the "Hindustan Times' dated the 16th October, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified the factors responsible for massive slippages during the current Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to check slippages and to improve power situation in the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The general and broad factors contributing to the delays in the implementation of power projects have been delays in taking up infrastructural and enabling works, paucity of funds and inadequate cash flow to project authorities, delays in placing orders for generating equipments and in award of contracts for civil works/erection of equipment, delayed deliveries and nonsequential supplies, contract failures, law and orders problems and natural calamities like floods, land slides etc.

(d) In order to ensure the timely commissioning of power projects which are under execution, Ministry of Power and the Central Electricity Authority are closely monitoring the progress of these projects and rendering timely assistance wherever required, by taking up the matter with the concerned authorities.

Projects Undertaken by the National Laboratories

2900. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the individual and total expenditure by the National Laboratories under the Ministry in the country, during the last three years;

(b) how many projects sponsored by Government have been undertaken by the National Laboratories during the same period; and

(c) how many projects of Government have been shared by other institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The yearwise aggregated Government expenditure on 40 National Laboratories of CSIR during the past three years is placed at statement (*see* below)

(b) Over the past three years period 1993-94 to 1995-96 Government has sponsored around 1250 projects in the national laboratories of CSIR.

(c) The Government invariably sponsors projects with CSIR for utilising the output for the social, economic or environmental benefit of the country.